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We respectfully request that consideration of this petition be expedited because the above-captioned application is expected to issue on November 18, 2003.

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It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary, other than those that are otherwise provided for herewith. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the above-captioned application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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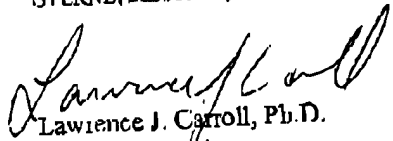
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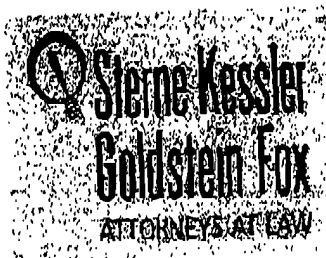
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